

FIGHTING THEM OVER.

What Our Veterans Have to Say About Their Old Campaigns.

THE SALTVILLE RAID.

Comrade Soliday's Account of the Ill-Fated Expedition.

On the 20th of September, 1864, the second day of the month, the 12th Ohio Cavalry, under the command of Gen. E. H. Holston, was ordered to march to Saltville, Tenn., to destroy the iron works of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad.

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with cannon, while we were exposed; and the nature of the country made movements impossible. We could only attack in front, and our only hope of success lay in the theory that 5,000 carbineers could dislodge 12,000 infantry from behind fieldworks supported by heavy artillery. Under all these circumstances we all knew that the best we could possibly hope for was to escape without capture. The officers held a council, and a retreat was agreed upon. Gen. Holston was placed in command of the column by Burbridge, and he performed the difficult task of retiring a defeated army from the face of an enemy. The wounded were carried from the hill on the left, where the Fourth Brigade had camped, and the houses within two miles of the field were converted into hospitals. Fires were kindled along the line to give the appearance of a bivouac, and behind the glare of these fires the regiments fell back quickly to their horses, mounted in silence, and with sad hearts began the return march to our lines.

The loss of the 12th Ohio Cav. in the fight at Saltville amounted to 54 men, including Capt. Soliday, who was killed. The remainder of the column, which was composed of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 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